

SERVICE DATE - JUNE 28, 2001

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Section 5a Application No. 1 (Amendment No. 11)

HOUSEHOLD GOODS CARRIERS' BUREAU COMMITTEE

Decided: June 21, 2001

By application filed on March 5, 2001, the Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Committee (HGCBC) seeks approval of minor amendments to its collective ratemaking agreement.<sup>1</sup> HGCBC is part of the American Moving & Storage Association (AMSA), but HGCBC's regulated activities are conducted autonomously of AMSA. HGCBC proposes to modify Article 3 of its agreement to provide for: (1) a procedure whereby HGCBC's Board could revoke the membership of HGCBC carriers, and their participation in bureau tariffs, pursuant to Article IV, Section 9, of the bylaws of AMSA (which allows termination of AMSA membership for violation of its bylaws or its Certified Mover and Van Line Program Code of Conduct, or for engaging in any other conduct that is prejudicial to the interests of AMSA); (2) automatic removal of a carrier's membership if the carrier's operating authority is revoked by the federal government; and (3) non-substantive changes in the wording and the enumeration of sections of Article 3.

We will publish notice of HGCBC's application in the Federal Register. We tentatively conclude that the modifications proposed in the amendments are minor and should have no impact on HGCBC's previously approved procedures for collective ratemaking and are consistent with the statutory requirements of 49 U.S.C. 13703. Accordingly, HGCBC's application will be approved on the condition that no adverse comments are timely filed.

To allow members of the public to obtain a copy of the application without traveling to the Board's office, HGCBC is required to provide a copy on request.

This decision will become effective automatically at the close of the comment period, and HGCBC's application will be fully approved. If timely filed adverse comments are received, the comments and any reply will be considered, and the Board will issue a further decision.

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<sup>1</sup> HGCBC's agreement was last modified under former 49 U.S.C. 10706(b), the predecessor to 49 U.S.C. 13703, in Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Agreement, Section 5a Application No. 1 (Amendment No. 9) (ICC served July 7, 1993). HGCBC applied for renewal of its agreement in Household Goods Carriers' Bureau Agreement, Section 5a Application No. 1 (Amendment No. 10), which is pending before the Board.

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This action will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or the conservation of energy resources.

It is ordered:

1. Notice will be published in the Federal Register.
2. Unless adverse comments are timely filed, HGCBC is authorized to amend its bylaws as proposed.
3. Comments are due by July 30, 2001.
4. HGCBC's reply to any comments is due by August 27, 2001.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan, Vice Chairman Clyburn, and Commissioner Burkes.

Vernon A. Williams  
Secretary